

LEVEL 3 CACHE

T Level Technical Qualification Education and Early Years



INTRODUCTION TO T-LEVELS

T-Levels are new courses aimed at students aged 16-19, which follow GCSEs and are the equivalent to 3 A-Levels. Just like other vocational courses, T-Levels can lead straight into employment or on to university to study further.

T Levels were first launched in September 2020, these two-year courses have been developed in collaboration with leading employers and businesses so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work.

T-Levels combine classroom learning and 'on-the-job' experience, during an industry placement with a minimum of 750 hours (for this course). This will give students the opportunity to experience a real career while continuing with their studies.

T-Levels are based on the same standards as apprenticeships – designed by employers and approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education – to ensure that students develop the job-skills and knowledge required by employers following GCSEs.

Why choose T Level in Education and Early Years?

This course is ideal for any student who knows that their future career will involve children and their education. This course will give you a qualification that allows progression into the workplace or to continue to study at a higher level.

OUR APPROACH TO TEACHING AND LEARNING

The department has excellent resources that will enable students to experience a wide range of learning opportunities.

- There is strong emphasis on practical work – the students will develop their ability to plan and implement age appropriate activities in conjunction with the EYFS and National Curriculum.
- Skills can be learnt and practiced in the purposely-designed classroom prior to consolidating them with children in placement
- We use a range of quality learning materials and resources that reflect those used in settings as well as online support and learning materials available to all students.
- Placement is a vital part of the course where students can put theory into practice gaining important skills of the profession

- All staff have a qualification and background in an early years' area so have a wealth of experience to share through their teaching
- Staff have a flexible teaching approach but understand the need to complete homework, respect deadlines and set high standards

TOPICS & ASSESSMENT

This is an exciting subject that is suitable for any student who is interested in working with children and in developing their knowledge in:

- Child development
- Numeracy and literacy and communication
- Special educational needs and disability
- Health and Safety and Safeguarding
- Play and learning



The following compulsory elements are included:

- core theory, concepts and skills for an industry area.
- specialist skills and knowledge for an occupation or career **and**
- an industry placement with an appropriate early years employer

Assessment is comprised of:

Year 1: a 2 week project (ESP) in May and
a 2½ hour exam in June

Year 2: four competency assessments (internally assessed) and three structured observations (externally assessed)
a 4 hour controlled assessment on planning activities
a 2 hour assessment on observations

ENTRY AND SKILL REQUIREMENTS

What are the entry requirements for Education and Early Years?

- Minimum 5 GCSE's at grade 4 including English Language and Maths (Science will also be required if you wish to pursue a career in teaching)
- It is desirable that students have some experience with children
- All students require a DBS check

Placement forms a large proportion of the course, so it is important that you are sure that this is a subject that you know you will enjoy and participate in fully. Placements are organised by our placement officer in order to fulfil course training and assessment requirements.

Progression

The T Level in education and early years allows students to progress straight into the workplace as an early years' practitioner, teaching assistant, nanny or hospital nursery nurse. However, as it is equivalent to 3 A levels, it may also be used to continue in education undertaking a degree in Early Childhood Studies, Primary Teaching, or specialist child related courses.

Each year some students will have successful applications to the renowned Norland College in Bath.

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